

Sunday 12th of November 2023

**VENERABLE NILUS THE MYRRHUSHER OF
MOUNT ATHOS**

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:25-37

Troparion – Tone 4

By a flood of tears, you made the desert fertile, / and your longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance. / By the radiance of miracles, you illumined the whole universe! / O our holy father Nilus, pray to Christ our God to save our souls!

We pray for our entire church family and those who do not have a family or church family, and our special prayers are for the sick and suffering and for the health and salvation of others:

The Archpriests Samuel and Joseph, Archimandrite Joseph, Protospyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Protodeacon John, Mark Benda, Matushka Ellen, Emily Anastasia, Gabriel, Zoe, Matushka Svetlana, Karen, Edward, Nadine, Michelle, Alexander, Luis Ramon, Anastasia, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance Engelsman, Maria Higginbotham, Valentina Bobrowski, Anna Konoleva, Erika Dobrzynski, Douglas Dobrzynski, Andrew John Lihou, Marie Biancarelli, Joshua and Daniel Buccieri, Emma Matthews, Stephanie, Kristy, Victor Szemetylo, Helen, Bonnie Shaffner, Helen Schweizer, Zoran Pejovic, Sunny Hunsicker, Ioana, Carmen, Michael, John, Sarah, Linda, Pamela Anne and Kimberly Marie, JoAnne, Beatrice, Christina, Orestes, Julia, Adrian, Sonya, Biljana, Irene, Dorothy, Pauline and Irene. Amen!!!

***** To amend the prayer list, speak with Mary Osinski*****

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- Saint Nilus the Myrrh-Gusher of Mt Athos was born in Greece, in a village named for Saint Peter, in the Zakoneia diocese. He was raised by his uncle, the hieromonk Macarius. Having attained the age of maturity, he received monastic tonsure and was found worthy of ordination to hierodeacon, and then to hieromonk. The desire for greater monastic struggles brought uncle and nephew to Mt Athos, where Macarius and Nilus lived in asceticism at a place called the Holy Rocks. Upon the repose of Saint Macarius, the venerable Nilus, aflame with zeal for even more intense spiritual efforts, found an isolated place almost inaccessible for any living thing. Upon his departure to the Lord in 1651, Saint Nilus was glorified by an abundant flow of curative myrrh, for which Christians journeyed from the most distant lands of the East. Saint Nilus has left a remarkably accurate prophecy concerning the state of the Church in the mid-twentieth century, and a description of the people of that time. Among the inventions he predicted are the telephone, airplane, and submarine. He also warned that people's minds would be clouded by carnal passions, "and dishonor and lawlessness will grow stronger." Men would not be distinguishable from women because of their "shamelessness of dress and style of hair." Saint Nilus lamented that Christian pastors, bishops and priests, would become vain men, and that the morals and traditions of the Church would change. Few pious and God-fearing pastors would remain, and many people would stray from the right path because no one would instruct them.

Service Schedule

Great Vespers: 5pm Saturdays

Hours: 9:45am Sundays

Divine Liturgy: 10:00am Sundays

Confessions: Will be heard every Saturday evening after Vespers or by appointment.

Call, text or email Father Michael at (848)228-1563 or holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com

Monthly calendar at www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org

Dates to Remember

Saturday 11th of November

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 12th of November

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Wednesday 15th of November

Parish Council Meeting at 7 pm via ZOOM

Saturday 18th of November

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 19th of November

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Visitors Welcome

After Sunday's Divine Liturgy, you are invited to join us for light refreshment in the parish hall. You'll find a friendly welcome, good conversation, and ask any questions you may have.

Thank you

Matushka Mihaela and Father Michael would like to thank everyone who worshipped with us for the Feast of Synaxis of Saint Michael the Archangel and the other bodiless powers and to all of those who later came to the rectory and made this important day even more wonderful with their presence.

Veterans Day

Veterans Day is observed in the United States and honors all military veterans of the United States Armed Forces. We're honoring Veterans Day at our Church, on November 12th. If you'd like, email, or call Father Michael with the names of military members among your family and friends.

Church School Gyro Sale

On Sunday 12th of November, our Sunday school students will be selling gyros following Divine Liturgy. The cost of gyros will be 5\$ and the proceeds will go towards Sunday School activities. Thank you for your support.

The Proclamation on the Glorification of the Righteous Matushka Olga

The Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America has heard the petition of the Right Reverend Alexei, Bishop of Sitka and Alaska, concerning the glorification of the Servant of god, the Righteous Matushka Olga. For more information, please follow the link: <https://www.oca.org/fs/proclamation-glorification-righteous-matushka-olga>

Religious Education

Following Sunday's Divine Liturgy and the coffee social, Father Michael meets with the catechumens to discuss religion and the church. You are welcome to join us. Hope to see you there.

Food Donation Cart

The need to continue to assist those in need continues and we ask that when you are shopping, please remember those who are less fortunate. Dan Taylor informed us that the current needs of the Sussex Help Center are the following: peanut butter, jelly, tuna fish cans, cereal boxes, and baby diapers (size newborn to 6-month-old).

Have an item for the bulletin?

Please email Father Michael at holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com or Mary Osinski at mary.osinski@gmail.com